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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-18, 20 and 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 19, 22 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-23 are presented for examination on the merits.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 1, under the heading RELATED CASES, the filing date of parent application No. 10/622,977 appears to be incorrect. According to Patent Office records, the filing date of parent Application No.10/622,977 should be --July 18, 2003--, not "July 10, 2003".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 11, 19, 22, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 11 and 19 are rendered vague and indefinite by the phrase "wherein said lemon oil is 100% pure USP grade composition" because it is unclear by the final term therein ("composition") if the lemon oil itself is 100% USP grade pure or something else - e.g., is attempting to define a purity of the overall composition and/or a purity of lemon oil within the overall composition? It is suggested that the term "composition" be omitted from this phrase in both of these claims.

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Claims 22 and 23 are rendered vague and indefinite by the overall respective phrases "A composition of claim 16 applied to a dental floss" and "A composition of claim 16 applied to a toothbrush" because this type of language, as drafted, is confusing and unclear - e.g., are these phrases attempting to define an intended use of the claimed composition or are they attempting to define an actual limitation with respect to incorporating the composition of instant claim 16 into the claimed dental appliances? If the intent is the latter, it is suggested that these claims be amended to recite --A dental floss comprising an effective amount of the disinfectant composition of claim 16-- and --A toothbrush comprising an effective amount of the disinfectant composition of claim 16-- or similar phraseology, so as to more clearly define such limitations.

The instant claims are free of the art. The prior art of record does not teach nor reasonably disclose the instantly claimed non-toxic disinfectant composition comprising the recited ingredients within the recited amount ranges. The closest prior art of record is that of Viamonte, Jr. (US 6,296,882 - see entire document). However, this reference does not teach nor reasonably disclose the instantly claimed invention.

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Conclusion

Claims 1-10, 12-18, 20, and 21 are allowed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher R. Tate whose telephone number is (571) 272-0970. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur, 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campbell can be reached on (571) 272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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